

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2341–S2551

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1627–1631, and S. Con. Res. 47 and 48. **Page S2422**

Measures Passed:

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Reorganization Act: Senate passed S. 956, to establish a Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2544–45**

Murkowski (for Feinstein/Reid/Burns) Amendment No. 3558, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2544–45**

Joint Inaugural Committee: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 47, to provide for a Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies. **Pages S2545–46**

Authorizing Use of Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 48, authorizing the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol on January 20, 1997 in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States. **Pages S2545–46**

Product Liability Conference Report: Senate resumed consideration of the conference report on H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation. **Pages S2341–86**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 44), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the conference report. **Pages S2385–86**

Senate will resume consideration of the conference report on Thursday, March 21, 1996, with a vote to occur thereon.

Whitewater Investigation Extension—Cloture Vote: By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 45), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 227, to authorize

the use of additional funds for salaries and expenses of the Special Committee to Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters. **Pages S2386, S2546**

By consent agreement, a vote on a sixth motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution will occur on Thursday, March 21, 1996. **Page S2546**

Public/Federal Grasslands Management: Senate began consideration of S. 1459, to provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal land, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S2389–S2408, S2411–17**

Pending:

Domenici Amendment No. 3555, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2390–S2408, S2411–17**

Bumpers Modified Amendment No. 3556 (to Amendment No. 3555), to maintain the current formula used to calculate grazing fees for small ranchers with 2000 Animal Unit Months (AUMs) or less, with certain minimum fees, and establish a separate grazing fee for large ranchers with more than 2000 AUMs. **Pages S2399–S2408**

Withdrawn:

Jeffords Amendment No. 3557 (to Amendment No. 3556), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2400–01, S2405**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain of the amendments pending thereto, on Thursday, March 21, 1996. **Pages S2403–04**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Thursday, March 21, 1996.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ginger Ehn Lew, of California, to be Deputy Director of the Small Business Administration.

Gina McDonald, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 1998.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps. **Pages S2546–51**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—45) **Pages S2385–86**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:44 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, March 21, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2546.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Ballistic Missile Defense, receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Malcolm R. O'Neill, USA, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 27.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance programs, receiving testimony from J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, Agency for International Development.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 and the future years defense program, focusing on technology base programs, receiving testimony from Paul G. Kaminski, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; Gilbert F. Decker, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development, and Technology; John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and

Technology; Arthur L. Money, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; and Larry Lynn, Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency, Department of Defense.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on manpower, personnel, and compensation programs, receiving testimony from Frederick F.Y. Pang, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy; Lt. Gen. Theodore G. Stroup, Jr., USA, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Personnel; Vice Adm. Frank L. Bowman, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel; Lt. Gen. Michael D. McGinty, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force for Personnel; and Lt. Gen. George R. Christmas, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Marine Corps for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on space programs and related issues, receiving testimony from Gen. Joseph W. Ashy, USAF, Commander in Chief, United States Space Command; Robert Davis, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Space; Maj. Gen. Robert F. Dickman, USAF, Space Architect, Department of Defense; and Keith Hall, Acting Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

Subcommittee will meet again on Monday, March 25.

1997 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1997 for the Federal Government, after receiving testimony from Alice M. Rivlin, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

HYDROGEN RESEARCH

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy Research and Development concluded hearings on S. 1077, S. 1153, and H.R. 655, bills to direct the Secretary of Energy to provide for a hydrogen energy research, development and demonstration program relating to production,